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The Whole Truth is the official news source for the more than 5 million members of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc., the nation's premier Holiness-Pentecostal denomination. The historically acclaimed Bishop Charles Harrison Mason founded the Church Of God In Christ in 1897; and since its inception the predominately Black body has impacted all segments of Christendom throughout the world. The Whole Truth can trace its existence to the 1900s when the news journal reported on various social and spiritual issues, and the saints have embraced the publication as their official news source from that point in history.

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Editorial

Our Presiding Bishop is a world renown figure! Recently, millions of faithful saints have been praying for his health and believe that God will answer those prayers. A few others have loss hope and are drowning in the needless speculation about what God is doing with him. What God is doing is allowing him to lead this Church in spite of personal health issues. This editorial is not written



with a edge of melancholy but to remind people who Bishop G.E. Patterson is. He is the leader of our Church, God's chosen apostle, and he is anointed for this task. Upon his shoulders is balanced our ministry, the world over. He has been the source of illuminating the denomination's contributions through his personal ministry and COGIC Charities! In the centennial year of our Pentecostal experience he is guiding a watershed event that will characterize our next 100 years, should the Lord delay His coming.

What does Bishop Patterson need from the saints? Continuous Prayer! In the midst of his personal afflictions he should be able to count on the saints to pray, and be long suffering and quiet. His colleagues on the General Board should continue the committed support and leadership they have given. Order and respect are key elements in bureaucratic structures, and ecclesiastical structures are no different. Every lay person, missionary, elder and bishop has an obligation to be loyal and honor the leader. Ultimately, patience and prayerful insight should help each person find that consecrated attitude. What a comfort it would be for Bishop Patterson to know that millions of saints are continually praying for him.

The Church Of God In Christ cannot lose its focus. There are yet racial tensions, violence, homelessness, urban blight, AIDS, and sin in general to name a few things that our leaders must continue preaching and ministering upon. Invariably, the work of the Lord itself should keep all of us too busy for idle time and thoughts. Our genuine Pentecostal faith should encourage each person to be positive. There is no failure in God.

Presiding Bishop Patterson should be receiving untold support and goodwill. We should all be thinking theologically and specifically about the evidence of a healing God. The "Summum Bonum", that is to say, the highest good should be expressed in boundless hope, love and respect for the Bishop and Mrs. Louise Patterson. While they experience the crucible of personal illness, we should respect their privacy. Who knows anymore than the saints that prayer is indispensable and effective, and so is human understanding. For sure, that is the information people around the world should be hearing from us. The world should witness our praying Church and be sympathetic to our leader's needs.

During this Centennial year, the whole world should see in evidence what the baptism of the Holy Ghost is truly about. This should be the season of miracles. How about all of us praying for the leader. It would truly bless each of us to realize renewed confidence in prayer and the blessings of God.

I am sure that Bishop G.E. Patterson is praying for us and it is time we pray fervently for him.

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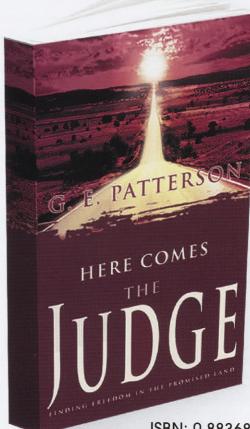
You say that you have surrendered your entire life to God, and you're living in the Promised Land of your salvation.

But it seems that the feeling of fulfillment was temporary-replaced by emptiness. Sickness has crept in where health should be. What about your finances? You thought you would be rich, not just living from day to day. Depression has become a way of life. The feeling of freedom and power has been replaced by bondage and fear.

But God loves His people, and He loves you too much to let you shrivel up in a dungeon of depression or helplessness. In the days of the Old Testament, God sent men and women with the authority to deliver His people from oppression, even when they didn't deserve His mercy. These deliverers were called "judges," because they brought His justice and mercy into balance in the lives of His people. Today, you have the greatest Judge of all-Jesus Christ.

G. E. Patterson challenges you to let Christ break the shackles of low self-esteem, poverty, and spiritual dryness off your life. Open your heart to His righteous judgments, and you will find His offer of forgiveness, grace, and new freedom! With Jesus the Deliverer on your side,

you are the only person who can prevent your freedom.



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Left to right, Bishop J. W. Macklin, Elder Readus Smith, Bishop Roy Winbush, Bishop Jerry Maynard and Elder John Penton

Memphis- President and CEO, Readus Smith, III., of Ready Health Care Services Corporation is making a commitment to the saints in this year of centennial. His firm is responsible for providing the healthcare information, and organizational and promotional activities during the year. Smith said, "Starting the second 100 years with superior

knowledge of health is a goal everyone should identify with." A life long member of the Church Of God In Christ, and an ordained clergyman, Smith has seen the devastating results of the five chronic illnesses of black Americans in the Church. Heart disease, cancer, hypertension, diabetes and obesity have cut lives and the quality of life short in the Church Of God In Christ. The saints are no longer the poor, uneducated people of the rural South, but live everywhere and in every social and economic strata. Oddly, in

many respects our health does not reflect the spiritual, social and economic gains we have made.

The Ready Health Care Service Corporation is designed to reach the masses of people in the Church world. The Church Of God In Christ is not the only black organization that has to confront a poor health record. Elder Smith hopes the Church Of God In Christ will become the beachhead for all religious and social organizations in the black community to turn these circumstances around. His desire is to share the benefits of health with the Church and reach the entire nation. The company is a fledgling business with a noble and manifest destiny for health. It has a unique program that embraces the use of cook-

> ing classes, exercise programs and preventive healthcare solutions to address the chronic issues in health.

> The company has sponsored numerous events in the past year! Smith stated that doing business in the Church is slow and arduous but rewarding. People tend to see you and your product but are slow to make the association. He is glad for the leadership of Presiding Bishop G.E. Patterson, the General Board and others for opening the door to the organization. "We have effectively sponsored the Queen Summit,

Leadership Conference Golf Tournament for two years, and made over \$100,000.00 in donations across the country," said Smith. There is a great need for Ready Health Care Services to gain visibility because it means greater health awareness in the Church. Without a sensitive and responsibile leadership the benefits of health would not be appreciated by the larger membership.



Bishop G.E. Patterson





The company is headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee. Two local Tennessee jurisdictions are providing staff and other support to make establishment a greater possibility. Nashville will soon be the site of an office building and warehouse facilities. Ms. Lori E. Porter is the Director of North American Operations,

Missionary Misha Maynard is Administrator of Operations, Mother Tucora Bishop is Manager of Field Operations and Events, and there are other staff members associated in the Nashville Headquarters. On the national front, Judge B.J. Warren is Vice President of Product and New Product Development. The staff is projecting a 25% growth yearly and eventually to spring board into a major supply operation.

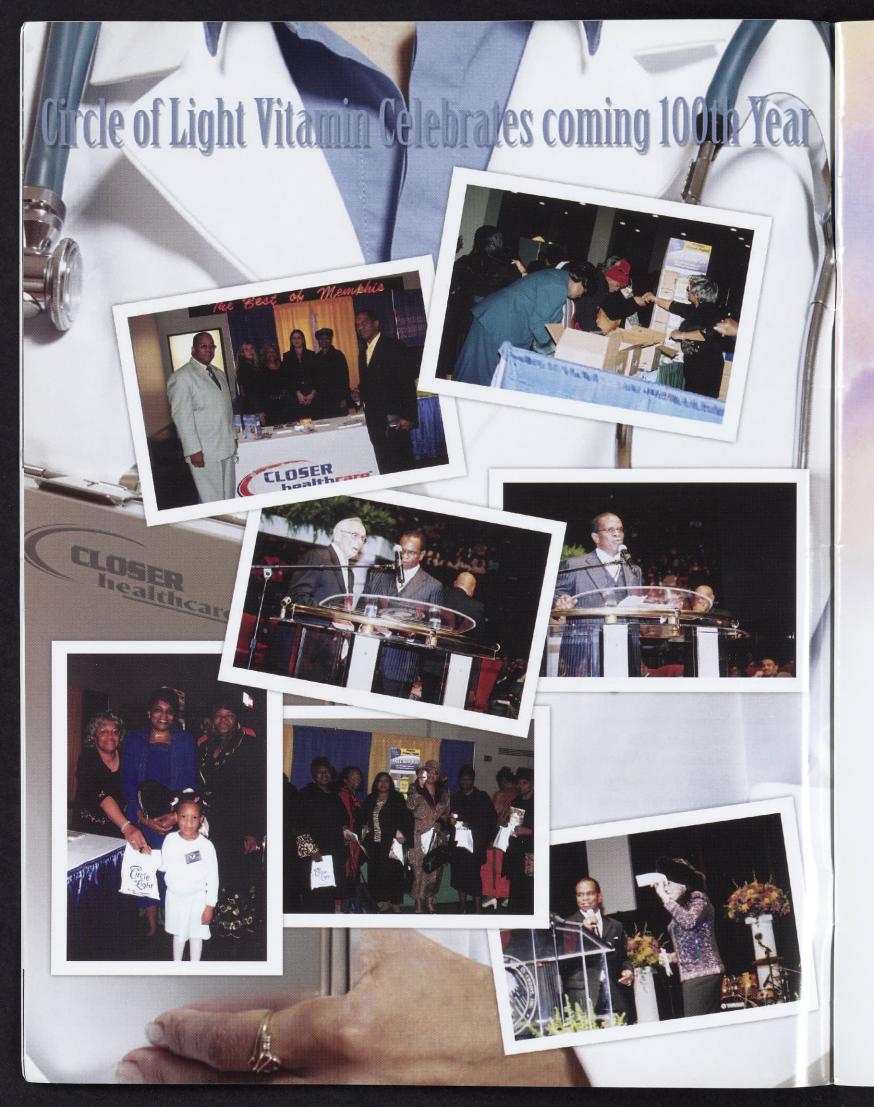
Elder Smith after presentation of program

At the 99th International Holy Convocation, Elder Smith and his business partner gave away over \$250,000.00 in vitamins and health related items. On the main floor of the convention center, an attractive booth with helpful employees greeted the saints. They handed out *Circle of Light* vitamin E, calcium, vitamin C, iron, and fish oil Omega-3, along with health hints and other items. Elder Smith donated \$50,000.00 to COGIC Charities.

The gala event was a splendid showcase for promotion of the *Circle of Light* vitamins, because creating opportunities for minds and securing the less fortunate are very worthy pursuits. "Our hope is that people will take us seriously and realize we came giving and helping" said Smith.

The jurisdictions of the Church Of God In Christ will possibly play a very important role in the health initiative. Each prelate will be asked to commit the service of one official health officer in his jurisdiction. Elder Smith believes our time tested and proven method of ecclesiastical connection involvement is ample structure for facilitating the health program throughout the

entire Church. A native Tennessean and growing up through the Sunshine band to YPWW, Elder Smith is aware that no local church is too small and insignificant to have impact upon the process. He grew up in a small congregation where his father, Administrative Assistant Readus Smith, II served as pastor. Whatever the jurisdiction did, Pastor Smith was squarely on board. "It is that mentality and faithfulness that *Circle of Light* hopes to tap into. The system itself will produce healthier and wiser living people," said Elder Smith. Θ





Let's Celebrate A Great Centennial Year

100th International Holy Convocation from the staff of The Whole Truth





Judiciary Board, Left to right, Elder Thomas Hammonds, Dr. Joseph Clemmons, Elder Thomas Jackson Elder Talbert Swan and Bishop Samuel Nesbitt Seated: Bishop Herbert J Williams, Bishop T.L. Westbrook and Attorney/Missionary B.J. Warren

Westbrook and Williams Retire!

By Dr. David A. Hall, Sr.

Chief Justice of the Judiciary Board, Bishop T.L. Westbrook and veteran member, Bishop Herbert Williams ended their long and distinguished tenure on the board. Term limitations brought to closure the service these two sages of Church polity and jurisprudence. The two jurist are considered foundations on the board. They leave a legacy of impeccable service and commitment to the rights of every individual.

Bishop Westbrook is the prelate of Washington and has served since the board's inception. He is a man of character and faith. His fellow jurist, Bishop Herbert Williams said "T.L. Westbrook did a tremendous job as chief jurist. He was a man of cool and level headed resolve, even during the time of serious trouble."

The chief jurist is limited to two consecutive 7 year terms. He was a founding member and first elected chief.

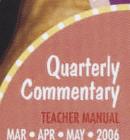
Bishop Herbert J. Williams served for 38 years as the assistant General Secretary of the Church Of God In Christ before his election to the judiciary board. After 14 years of distinguished service he stated, "The Church is in a better position because it instituted the third branch of government: the Judiciary Board." Bishop Williams related to The Whole Truth that he thanks the Church for electing him to the board. He did all he could to preserve the rights of individuals and yet protect the organization.

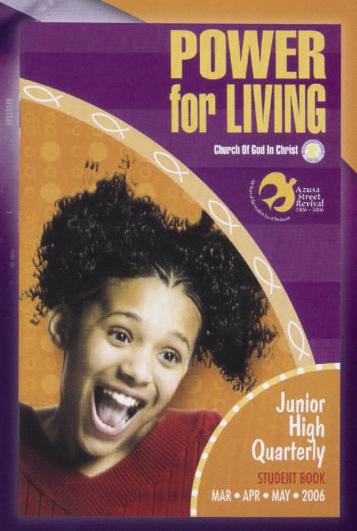
Replacing to two statement of juris-prudence will be Missionary Valda Slack, PhD and Bishop A. LaDell Thomas.



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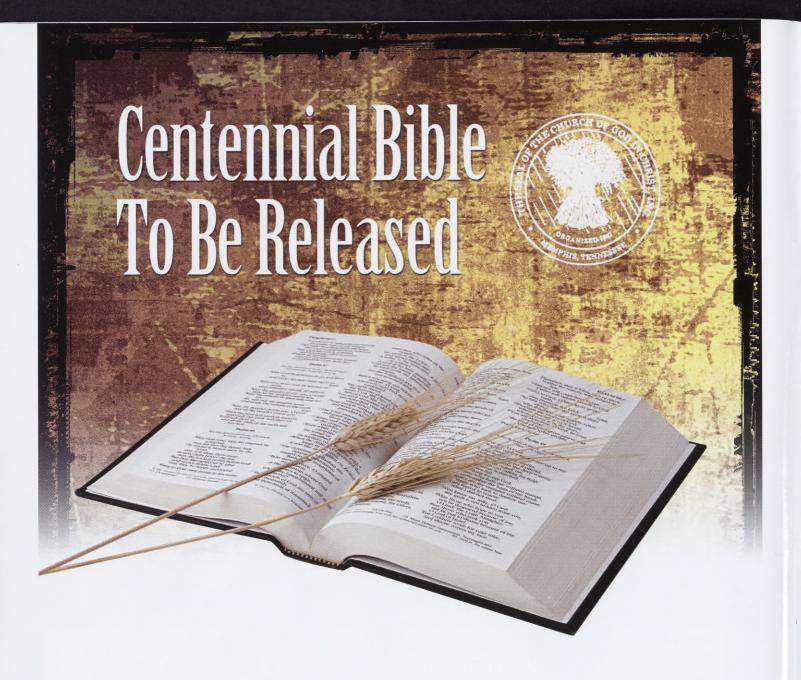


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Bishop J.W. Macklin

The Presiding Bishop and the General Bishop have commissioned a special Centennial Bible. The Church Of God In Christ is celebrating the Pentecostal Centennial, 1907-2007, and the proposed Bible will mark the event with the one thing every saint needs: more of the Word. This is no ordinary run of the mill Bible! Well, one cannot really call a Bible ordinary and run of the mill because the Scripture is our guide to eternal life. It is better stated that this Bible is a distinctly Pentecostal and historical Bible that offers references and study guide sections.

During 2007, an entire year's celebration by the Church Of God In Christ shall give each member a unique opportunity to rediscover our roots. The large print but ultra slim Bible offers an excellent concordance and reference pages. It is perfect bound and may be personalized by those buying in advance a good quantity.

Other features in the centennial edition will be a 96 page study guide that affirms the essentials of Pentecostal theology, history, profiles in leadership, ministry of the Holy Ghost, how to disciple converts, examination of Christian stewardship and devotional Scriptural passages. Really, the Bible should be in every home and local church.

The General Board of Bishops formed a commission to produce and make the Bible available for sale in every jurisdiction. It will be a keep sake because our denomination will not pass this way for another 100 years. Presiding Bishop G.E. Patterson, a Bible scholar offers the general Church a tool that will be a ministry resource for every student of the Word.

Some of our Churches brightest minds will be contributing to the text. Dr. Kenneth Hammonds is editor. The editorial committee and contributors include, Dr. Harold Bennett, Bishop Charles Brown, Dr. David Daniels, Dr. David Hall, Dr. Oliver Haney, Dr. Barbara McCoo Lewis, Bishop George McKinney, Dr. Leonard Lovett, Dr. Perry Little, Mother Willie Mae Rivers, Mother Francis Curtis Sipes, and Dr. Jack Whitehead. Θ

A PRAYER BY

Bishop Charles Harrison Mason



Jesus, everyday, the word of Him calling, the gift of God working, everywhere He's calling giving us to come and see the word of His wonders here with these.

Heal the sick ones and give these saying Yes, to God. I will Lord, I will Lord, I will glorify your name, I will say, I will.

The mind of God in Christ, the Word of God in Christ, the wisdom of God In Christ confirming His Word here. Woman, Jesus deliver you, cast the devil out! Heal the sick everywhere. Heal here, heal everywhere. Heal! Heal today!

The Word of your wonder, heal! The Word of your will, heal!

The gift of your name cast out devils.

The everywhere of God!
The wonder of Him here today.

Jesus here and everywhere!

Honor Among Colleagues



By. David A. Hall, Sr.

How does the current presiding officer honor and give difference to a past presiding officer? There can be no banishment of the former by the latter. Neither can the former overextend his influence or seek to minimize the scope and gravity of the current chief officer. There must be collegiality and accord among those so privileged to have led an institution like the Church Of God In Christ.

During the 99th Holy Convocation, Presiding Bishop G.E. Patterson presented former Presiding Bishop Chandler D. Owens a sacred stole. The presentation was excellently conducted with class and the social grace that brought an organizational-cultural question to resolution: the presentation defined the relationship of two officers having shared ultimate rank? The presentation of the priestly vestment put things in the proper perspective.

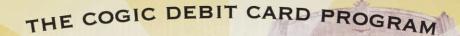
Credit must be given to current Presiding Bishop G.E. Patterson for having the definitive sense of collegiality. He loses nothing by recognizing what is fact, Bishop Owens was presiding officer at one time. However, he establishes order and creates a behavior and discipline that will guide future situations like this. Precedence helps the fair minded thinker and exposes those with motives that lack genuine character. Bishop Owens can proudly wear his colors and exhibit the rank he accomplished without fear of interfering with the current powers and position of the titular leader. Bishop Owens is

accepted in principle and is guided by that same principle which determines he was titular leader, but now is only ceremonially received.

This allows the current leader the full range of control without being second guessed or having to justify his worth. There are organizational characteristics and traits that discipline all of us. Bishop Patterson's giving the stole reaffirms his position and states he has organizational integrity, spiritual humility, a social sense of justice, spiritual fair mindedness, personal confidence, intellectual courage, human empathy, and organizational autonomy. His giving the stole means, without question, he alone holds the title of "His Grace": one able to give or take!

At the time when the Church Of God In Christ celebrates 100 years of Pentecostalism, it is important that our cultural and political references reflect and support our spiritual claims. Placing that stole upon Bishop Owens demonstrated respect but preserves order. In acceptance of the stole, Former Presiding Bishop Owens has helped established a working precedence for a "Senior Statesman."

I say, Congratulations, His Grace, Presiding Bishop G.E. Patterson. All hail the Chief! $\boldsymbol{\Theta}$





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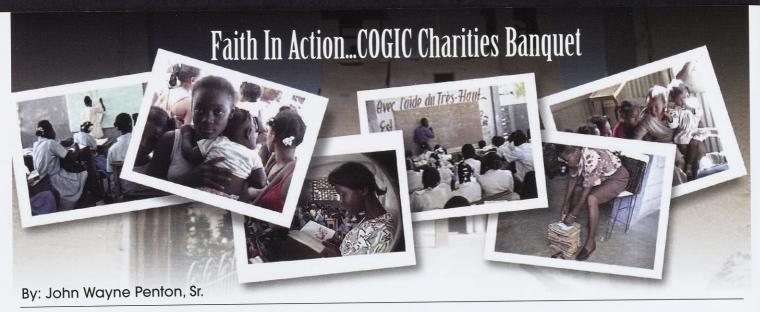
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Memphis, TN... The COGIC Charities Banquet was a gala event, with all the personality of a corporate sponsored ceremonial dinner. Sanctified men were adorned in their black tie attire and the beautiful holy women complimented their companion in glittering evening dress. The event was spectacular and has its own clientele of commitment attendees. The record speaks a clarion message to all that the Church Of God In Christ has substance to present the world in need. The decor and the setting of the tables were the mark of excellence, which provoked the curious mind to ask the question, who was the master mind behind the arrangements? First Lady Louise Patterson, the wife of our gracious leader, Bishop G. E. Patterson put her personal touch on the activities, and she is to be congratulated for her hard work.

The point person that caused this event to be physically transformed into a successful banquet, was the Chief of Staff, Bishop Jerry Maynard, along with his staff of dedicated workers: Sister Otanya Eskridge-Allen and Sister Rhonda Parks. As Executive Director, I appreciate those who made everything so right! It's the Charities' hope that as the reader reads this article, new commitments and partnerships will be created.

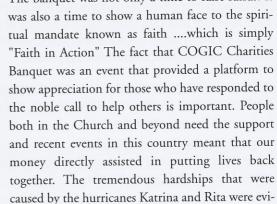
Elder Penton Bishop J. W. Macklin mastered the flow of ceremony and presented each participant with humor, and impeccable taste. The more than one thousand one hundred attendees remained amused and in the flow of things. Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush captured the essence of the theme of the banquet during his discourse as featured speaker. His comments made it clear that the continuity of leadership throughout the history of the Church is reflected in the current administration. It is time for the "green seeds of previous presiding officers" to mature and bring forth the harvest under the administration and leadership of Presiding Bishop G.E. Patterson. It was clear that the COGIC Charities Banquet is an incarnation of it's theme, "Faith in Action". The notable financial support the banquet receives from its contributors is encouraging. Special awards were presented to Corporate sponsors. Diamler Chrysler Minority Dealers Association gave \$50,000; Tri-State Bank of Memphis \$20,000; the Hyde Family Foundation \$5,000. The Platinum spon-

sors of \$20,000 each: Bishop and Mrs G. E. Patterson, Bishop J. L. Maynard and Mother Willie Mae Rivers, and for major contributions they receive thanks. The banquet has been one of the major fund raisers for COGIC charities since its conception several years

During the banquet people took time to say thanks to those who continued to support the COGIC Charities Banquet. In previous years, noted bishops such as Bishop Samuel Green, Bishop T. L. Westbrook have done significant contributing, and a host of others that have supported COGIC Charities since its inauguration. The Charities is becoming a real charitable institution.

> The banquet was not only a time to raise funds. It was also a time to show a human face to the spiritual mandate known as faithwhich is simply "Faith in Action" The fact that COGIC Charities Banquet was an event that provided a platform to show appreciation for those who have responded to the noble call to help others is important. People both in the Church and beyond need the support and recent events in this country meant that our money directly assisted in putting lives back together. The tremendous hardships that were

dence to the world at large that our Church and its charitable arm is maturing under the principled leadership of Presiding Bishop G.E. Patterson. O



The saints enjoyed class and ambiance of the moment. The saints have dignity, style and grace. In fact Miss Chelsea Jones a previous COGIC Charities scholarship recipient presented a classical opera performance that represented the diverse talents of our young people. It is our youth that COGIC Charities demonstrated its support by providing scholarships to help further their education in college, graduate school and beyond. Board members, Sister Sylvia Law of Baltimore and Sister Dorothy of Chicago presented sixteen COGIC Charities scholarship awards totaling \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) to the following recipients:

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As As we look forward to our centennial celebration in November of 2007, it is my desire to be responsible for several platinum sponsors to commemorate our 100 years as a organized Church of God In Christ. I would like to encourage everyone to create a network of corporate and individual sponsorship to raise one million dollars or more for COGIC charities Banquet in this centennial year. Certainly, the COGIC Charities needs more than one million dollars in its treasure to have the resources to provide for those than are in need. Let us make the centennial year a signature year in our giving to the noble cause of the benevolent arm of our great Church Of God In Christ, This is a great time for us to answer the question "who cares" with resounding reply "we care" the COGIC Charities.

2nd Commencement ASBC Conducted in Memphis



November 12, 2006 marked the 2nd Commencement exercise of All Saints Bible College of the Church of God In Christ. This event was held at the FedEx Forum in the historical downtown Memphis, Tennessee during the 99th Annual Holy Convocation of the Church of God In Christ. Delegates from all over the world were present to witness this momentous occasion.

All Saints Bible College is a dream of the late Presiding Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr. All Saints Bible College is located at 930 Mason Street on the grounds of the historical Mason Temple Church of God In Christ in Memphis, Tennessee. This is the same building where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his "I've Been to the Mountaintop" sermon prior to his death. This dream was brought into fulfillment by the Presiding Bishop, Gilbert E. Patterson who also serves as Chancellor of ASBC. During the 2005 Holy Convocation, the first commencement exercise was held and Bishop Jerry L. Maynard gave the commencement address. 2007 marks the 100th year anniversary of the Church of God In Christ Holy Convocation in Memphis and the leaders are looking forward to this Centennial celebration.

The Commencement address of 2006 was delivered by the President, Dr. Perry C. Little. He did not deliver the normal "go out into the world, get a job, and live the American dream" address. Dr. Little's delivery to the graduates instructed them to "go out into a dying world and proclaim the gospel and tell people that the wages of sin is death and the gift of God is eternal life" as they further their careers and education.

Before Dr. Little continued with his address, he shared with everyone that All Saints Bible College is in Applicant status with the Association of Higher Biblical Education. In July of 2006, ASBC held its first site visit by the association. The evaluation was positive and Dr. Randall Bell of the association told the board that as long as ASBC continued to comply with the criteria, there was no doubt in his mind that ASBC would become fully accredited. The school was also blessed to purchase a

44,000 volume library the week before the 99th Annual Holy Convocation.

Dr. Little's message to the graduates and audience came from Hosea 9:6a.

"For, lo, they are gone because of destruction: Egypt shall gather them up, Memphis shall bury them:"

In his address, Dr. Little explained that in Ancient Egypt, Memphis was the religious center and capital of Egypt. He explained the importance of the city of Memphis in three different stages of history: pre-modern, modern, post-modern. The people in the pre-modern Ancient nation of Egypt worshipped in the capital city, Memphis. They worshipped there in the temple built in honor of the Egyptian god, Ptah. As archeologists dug in the ruins of Memphis, Egypt, religious writings by the Egyptians were found and these writings became known as Memphite Theology.

In 1907, the later phase of modernity, here in the United States, Memphite Theology emerged but from a different perspective, it emerged from the perspective of the Church of God In Christ. The Church of God In Christ believes that there is one God eternally existing in three persons God Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Dr. Little gave a summary of the history of the Church of God In Christ existence. Bishop Charles Harrison Mason, the founder of the Church of God In Christ, went to a revival on Azusa Street in Los Angeles, California in 1906 and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. From this divine experience, the Church of God In Christ was organized in 1907 despite all the adversities he faced. Bishop Mason set aside November 25-December 14 as a time for the saints to come together to celebrate Holy Convocation. The Church of God In Christ saints still come together today to worship in spirit and truth during the first week of November annually in Memphis, Tennessee. During this time, people came to be saved, filled with the Holy

Ghost, delivered from sins, and to be healed. The Lord manifested himself amongst the saints. Even today, thesaints are still experiencing the same divine manifestations in Memphis. The Church of God In Christ became known for its unique style of worship: hand clapping, foot stomping, tongue speaking, and the use of musical instruments. This liturgical style has spread to other denominations across the world. Bishop Mason believed that God was the God of all; not restricted to one race of people, but all humanity. God wants all humanity to lift him up in spirit and in truth. The teachings of Bishop Mason, Bishop Patterson, and the other pioneers of our church encouraged saints of God to live by the Memphite Theology. The saints should be able to sing the old song of Zion, "I have been saved all day, no evil have I done, sanctified and Holy, no evil have I done." The pioneers encouraged the saints of God to be educated and trained in holiness. Leaders that are spreading the gospel should be able to preach and teach the Gospel. The Gospel should not be compromised. The Church of God In Christ believes in living Holy. The Memphite Theology is a theology of holiness.

In 2002, the early phase of post modernity, the Presiding Bishop Gilbert E. Patterson continued the legacy of the Founding Father, Bishop C.H. Mason and the dream of the late Presiding Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr. by establishing All Saints Bible College in the city of Memphis. ASBC is producing the next leaders of the church. ASBC is delighted to have students that will spread the Memphite Theology wherever they go and not compromise the gospel. ASBC wants each and every student that walks the halls of Mason Temple while pursuing a degree to receive the best education possible. ASBC also wants each student to exemplify the Memphite Theology in every day living to be holy, to lift up the standards of holiness, to live right, and let people know that it is holiness or hell.

Mother Willie Mae Rivers, General Supervisor of the International Women's Department of the Church of God In Christ was present. She gave profound remarks to the graduates. She stated that she totally supports All Saints Bible College because it enhances the Church of God In Christ. Mother Rivers stressed to the graduates to fully deliver the word of God and with the Holy Ghost, they will influence others to get saved. Mother Rivers

told the graduates and the congregation that there was one thing that she has seen that makes her heart sad. Individuals will give dynamic messages, sing, and shout, but do not give people an opportunity to accept Christ at the end of the sermons.

Dr. Granville Scruggs presented the candidates for degrees and certificates, calling their names with the distinctions After the students came to the platform and received their degrees, the Bishop Jerry L. Maynard conferred their degrees upon them.

Dr. Maurice Chandler gave a befitting benediction to the ceremony by stating, "May the love of truth guide you, the search of wisdom through love sustain you, God's spirit of peace bless and guide you for days to come."

During the processional, one of the theme songs for the Church of God In Christ was sung: This is the Church of God In Christ, This is the Church of God In Christ. We are anointed, by God appointed, this is the Church of God In Christ.

Other notable participants of the 2006 Commencement exercise are:

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Bishop Lemuel Thuston
Dr. Goldie Wells
Dr. Mary T. Maynard
Bishop Malcolm Coby
Dr. Granville Scruggs
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New Year's Greetings to all the Saints!

General Supervisor W.M. Rivers

We experienced a glorious time at our Jerusalem during our Holy Convocation. We came from every corner of the world to enjoy the sweet fellowship and receive a spiritual refreshing. Our courageous leader, Presiding Bishop G.E. Patterson, was truly a blessing to us.

I am happy to be a child of the King and to be in communion with Him in these perilous times. Because of His supreme sacrifice we can still rejoice in spite of all the negative happenings going on in the world! We know that no matter what comes our way God cares for us and He is always in control.

This past year has been one of great victory as we have worked in the vineyards of the Lord. We have traveled the length and breadth of this country doing what we can to encourage the saints in the Lord. I wish to thank our Presiding Bishop G.E. Patterson, General Bishop, Board of Bishops, Pastors and Elders Council who have extended such a warm welcome to me and the Department of Women.

Heaven's roll has added many of our great leaders to it ledger. We especially feel the absence of our Mother Elizabeth Nash, but God will give us the strength to bond together and carry on.

We have prayerfully planned the upcoming Women's International Convention/Crusade to be a special blessing for each attendee during our 100th Anniversary. It is my desire that every woman would join us during the time of prayer. Come praying and expecting a great outpour, especially on Monday, May 28th during our 12 hours of prayer.

Because of Christ,

Mother Willie Mae Rivers General Supervisor Department of Women





Bishop Paul Fortson greets Bishop J.O. Patterson Jr.

Bishop J.O. Patterson, Jr., opened the General Assembly for an anticipated session dealing with the constitutional revisions. During the early years of the G.E. Patterson administration, the push for updating and correcting sections of the polity, by-laws and any legislation passed over the years became primary. The General Assembly wanted to file and incorporate in a newly bound text of the aforementioned items.

Before the assembly reviewed the latest constitutional documents, the Chairman, Bishop J.O. Patterson, Jr., conducted the election for Vice Chairman and the Judiciary Board. Bishop Patterson ran unopposed in his bid for reelection as Assembly Chairman. His being unopposed is a tribute to his successful tenure as Chairman. The significant race was the Vice Chairman position. The incumbent, Elder James Hunt of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth had two splendid gentleman to make a challenge. Long time assembly committeeman, Elder Solomon Williams and veteran assembly participant, Bishop Charles Brown were worthy opposition.

On election night the house was certified with better than 2000 delegates, present and voting. It was a good, well run election. Elder James Askew and Missionary Myra Banks, Co-Chairs of the election commission supplied the following information to The Whole Truth. The Judiciary Board had three positions for contest and the assembly, again, had excellent choices. Attorney

B.J. Warren ran unopposed. The celebrated judge from Texas has made a valuable contribution on the court. In position #1, Bishop David Houston, Bishop Lee and Bishop A. LaDell Thomas competed. In position #2, Pastor Charles Connor, Pastor Frederick Jenkins, Pastor Robert Kenlow, and Missionary Valda Slack were in competition.



Two of the races were decided in one balloting but position #2 of the judiciary, needed a run off conducted the following day. The Vice Chairman's position was decided as follows, James Hunt- 1104, Charles Brown-714, and Solomon Williams-182. Judiciary position #1, A. LaDell Thomas-1041, David Houston- 529, James Lee-278. Position #2 had the following vote total, Valda Slack- 858, Charles Conner-699, Frederick Jenkins- 346, and Robert Kenlow- 177. Due to the fact that assembly rules demand at least 50% of the total, a run-off was conducted. In the run-off, Valda Slack beat Charles Conner- 450 to 278.

The Chairman welcomed each winner to the responsibility of office, and promptly

closed the assembly. Bishop Patterson cited low attendance figures for his decision to close. The house was certified at more than 50% less than its opening certification. There was no way business on a constitution could be done with such poor attendance. Bishop Patterson promised the agenda for the next session would open with constitution business. •





Since Presiding Bishop G.E. Patterson initiated the Men's Conference, it has been faithful to four points of emphasis: Spiritual, Social, Physical and the Economical principles. Though these dimensions of life are often neglected, in part, the mens' conference maintains a constant focus for the development of sanctified males with these principles. This year in Milwaukee, Bishop Darrell Hines invites the nation to his turf. The four points will be promoted and enhanced but he says there will be a different twist. This is the year of the family and a special emphasis will be placed on fathers and sons. In a culture where mama's boys are extolled, Bishop Hines believes men must come to grips with being fathers and sons.

This is a season for critical thinking. The conference will provide tools and inspiration for men who are determined to make a difference. The criminality, murder rate and loss of values in men demand that men reexamine their humanity. Identification with those who have exploited cultural weakness have opened the door for men to excuse themselves from responsibilities. There must be an effort to reclaim character, ethical behavior and simply respect of one another. The conference hopes to encourage, train and inspire men to be better fathers and sons.

"The identity of the father and then the role of a son will be

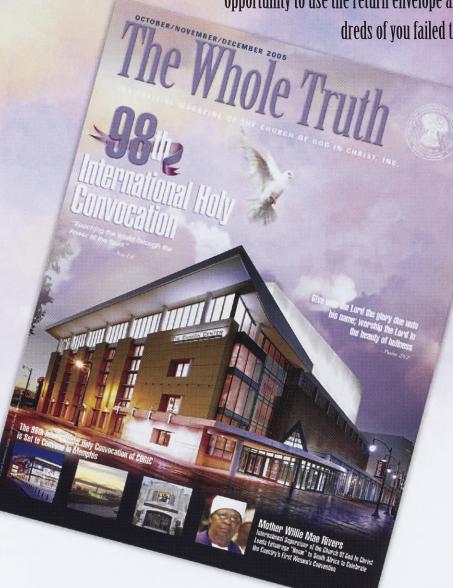
examined," said Bishop Hines. The relationship is never minimized but men must recapture what a father is. This identity crisis among fathers has men producing babies but not being fathers. The men's conference will confront the problem with a positive and reaffirming program of activities, and curriculum that will educate, encourage and strengthen every man in attendance. "I am personally requesting that fathers bring their sons with them," declared the Bishop! Bishop Hines informed The Whole Truth a brand new 78,000 sq. ft facility has been completed and will be dedicated and opened to accommodate the youth.

The program will be accented by exceptional speakers of renown abilities. Bishop Jerry Macklin, Pastor Miles Munroe and Bishop G.E. Patterson will address the gathering. From the inception of the Church, God used men to lead and develop it. Bishop Hines offered the following, "The Church Of God In Christ was brought to pass by a man. There is a special place for men and we are obligated to meet it. This meeting will have a strong evangelical thrust that will encourage those in attendance to go back home and evangelize more men into the local church."

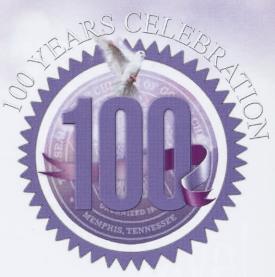
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Descendants of Bishop C.H. Mason receive DVD sets from Elder Kennedy

At the 99th International Holy Convocation, the Church Of God In Christ released an historic video that documents the Pentecostal years of our Church. The Presiding Bishop G.E. Patterson and General Board of Bishops provide historic witness and analysis of how our Church has been blessed by the Holy Ghost. No one can tell the story like those who have lived it. The Board hired movie producer and film star, Isaac Leon Kennedy to direct and produce the epic DVD.

Make no assumption, the DVD is epic, as it covers the 1907-2007 history of the Church. It features live footage of Bishop C.H. Mason, O.T. Jones, Sr, J.O. Patterson, Sr and all other presiding officers and leaders of the Church. Film Producer Kennedy is an ordained clergyman but was made famous for his youthful portrayal of a boxer in his movie, Penitentiary. Those years are behind him and he is making excellent use of the gifted and God given talent he has.

The historic DVD is systematically and effectively laid out. Seeing, hearing and emotionally feeling the history of our origin, sacrifice and struggle as a people will make the purchaser of the DVD feel blessed. Bro. Kennedy commented, "Bishop Charles Mason is well known and beloved by the saints. Even those from other Pentecostal groups may know of him but few in the world truly do. This DVD is the Church's opportunity to mainline one of the greatest religious leaders of the twentieth Century, if not ever!" Kennedy went on to say the Church is big but has not begun to make the contribution it can. The responsibility to expose our gifts and spiritual blessings to the world rest mainly with us. He went on to say, "From the mouths of your leadership, the story of the Church Of God In Christ is told. There is no central narration but each General Board member and selected leaders, men and women share the story."

The set is a double DVD and is modestly priced. The DVD set should be in every home and church. For 100 years the Church Of God In Christ has made positive impact upon the country and the world. Our clergy and missionaries have spread the gospel everywhere. Some of the greatest preachers and religious workers have been those, not classically trained and salaried, but called by God! The Church Of God In Christ has followed the migration of rural Negroes from the South to the urban ghettoes of the North and fashioned out great churches and larger effective ecclesiastical jurisdictions. Over the 100 years, our history has been told by many, but now, we tell our own story. O

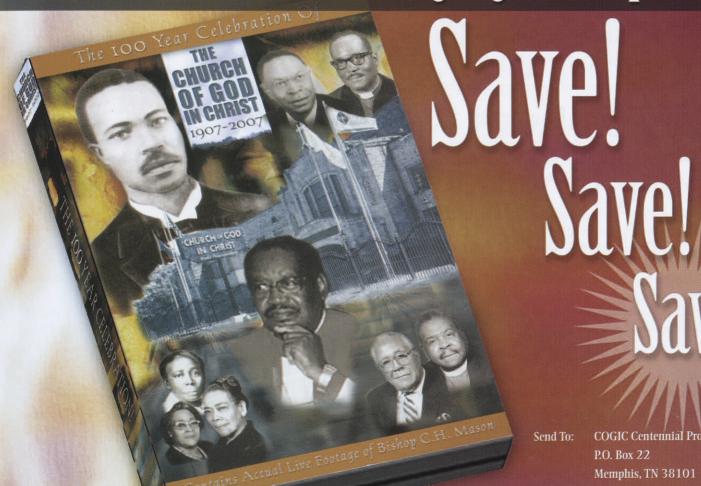
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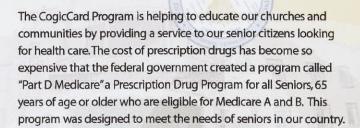
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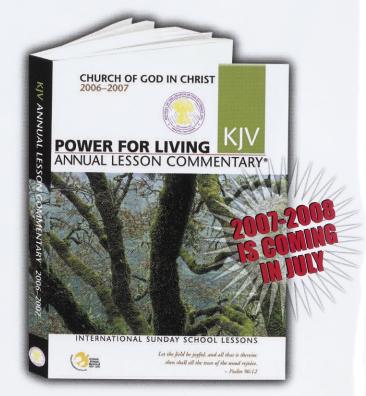
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I regret to inform you that we have completely sold out of the Introductory Annual Sunday School Lesson Commentary. The Publishing House introduced this book without a clue as to what the demand would. We did our best analysis but fell short a few thousand copies be. We did a reprint in September to meet the overwhelming demand, but the orders simply kept coming! The customer orders that came latest missed both printings. It is too late for us to reprint again.

I printed this notice to inform our customers that a credit will be issued to their church account. If a customer sent money for the commentary or teaching aids, we shall refund the money upon request.

At this time we are producing next year's annual Sunday School Lesson Commentary. Of course, review of this year's record will help us print a more accurate number for the second issue, 2007-2008, of this great book.

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The Miracle Working God

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By Elder and Missionary Ethan Ketterer

These are days and times when events can be so strange that even miracles lose their uniqueness! When God performs something so awesome and wonderful in the lives of His saints, we very much appreciate it. Such is the case that we Ketterer's share. The November of 2006, will long be remembered and spoken of in our home.

"Our God is an awesome God." We've all heard and sang that song on numerous occasions. But this holiday season, we can share a personal "rheama" knowledge of just how great God is!

On November 26, 2006, I was visiting the Women's Day service of my aunt, where she was speaking in the morning service. Normally, I would be in attendance at my own church, True Light COGIC, but I was lead to go and support her.

After a very anointed service, I stepped outside of the church and spoke my salutations to the pastor. After a brief pause, I tried calling my husband on my cell phone. I then proceeded to make my way to my car. It was parked on the street in front of the church. Certainly, everything was normal.

Before I could reach the sidewalk, I heard many shots ring out, and I immediately fell to the ground. It all happened so very fast. I did not realize that I had been hit in the right side of my abdomen. Thankfully, no one else who was there (and there were many people around me, including children) was hit by at least twelve bullets that were fired off. That is a miracle in and of itself: I alone was hit!

As a seasoned saint I did what I know works! While we traveled to the hospital I began praying for my wife, Michelle. I could likewise feel the prayers of the saints going up for her. When I got to the trauma area at the hospital, I rushed to the side of my wife. I couldn't help but be astonished that she was extending her hand towards me, motioning me to come over to her. She told me that she was alright. She then said she was concerned how I

was going to take this situation? Prayer was the only way to take this situation. The prayers anchored me and the entire family.

As the family, friends, and saints began to arrive at the hospital, I was embraced by my pastor, Elder Jerome Walker and his wife. The staff rushed Michelle to the operating room. As we were getting on the elevator, immediately, Pastor and Mother Walker began praying for my wife. As he finished praying for her, he indicated that things were going to be alright! Next thing I knew various medical procedures were underway.

At this point some strange and awe inspiring things became known. The doctors were astonished that a bullet could enter the body, and then exit the same way that it entered. Sounds strange? MRI tests indicated a wound without a bullet and no exit hole?

My husband can tell this story but I really know how strangely wonderful the events were! The staff did a different thing for my gunshot wound. They X-rayed the wound and the images taken revealed that there was no bullet found! The whole entire medical staff was baffled because there was no exit wound and they determined the bullet exited the same way it had entered my abdomen. No, it didn't turn around, it miraculously came out of my abdomen A deep wound, a gunshot wound, and God dug out the bullet.

Not only am I still in the land of living, but I have only a bandage on my abdomen. Yes, I am slowly recovering with the help of the Lord and my husband, Ethan. How many people are shot daily in this violent country. How many are wheelchair bound? Or, how many are totally paralyzed as the result of a gunshot wound?

The doctors were astonished that a bullet could enter and exit the same path. Saints, we know and this is why Michelle and I have shared this testimony of God's goodness. We hope our story will help others catch hold to faith and receive healing. •

Make Room For The

Elder Mack C. Mason



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The Holy Ghost

Mack C. Mason presents another powerful and well developed book that documents the move of the Holy Ghost. The book entitled, "Make for Room the Holy: The Azusa Street Revival, Bishop C.H. Mason, and the One Hundreds Years of Pentecostalism in America," is Pastor Mason's most comprehensive work. His very poignant and honest look at the 1906 Azusa Street Revival in Los Angeles helps the reader understand the significance of the event. His analysis guides the reader to appreciation of the modern-day Pentecostal movement and the very important role African Americans played.

Today, there are an estimated 500 million Pentecostal around the world, including the Church Of God In Christ, which some say has 8 million members. Certainly, the worldwide status of the Church Of God In Christ is a matter of record and the contributions of its leadership need further documentation.

The Church Of God In Christ has grown and yearly host the Holy Convocation in Memphis, Tennessee. An estimated 40,000 delegates attend the convention that features preaching, worship and training seminars for ministry. Because of the crowds and significance of the meeting, many authors release and gospel music companies release items for sale during this season.

In Memphis, Tennessee, Pastor Mason released "Make Room for the Holy Ghost," and marked the kick off of the centennial celebration of the Azusa Street Revival (1906-2006). In 2007, the Church Of God In Christ will celebrate its own centennial in Pentecostalism. Pastor Mason's book is timely and exposes the awesome contribution of C.H. Mason, who is often marginalized historically. He weaves together an interesting account which places Bishop Mason's story besides Azusa pioneers such as William J. Seymour, William Durham, and other well-known Pentecostals who emerged later, such as Aimee Semple McPherson, Oral Roberts, even T.D. Jakes.

Between 1907 and 1914, Bishop C.H Mason, an African American, who headed the only legally recognized Pentecostal organization at that time, issued credentials to more than 350 White ministers, who later organized the Assemblies of God. In addition to the Church Of God In Christ and the Assemblies of God, the author also looks at many other Pentecostal organizations which trace their roots to Azusa Street. This role call of organizations include the Church Of God, Fire Baptized Holiness Church, Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, and others. The result is nearly 300 pages of "Who's Who" of the modern Pentecostal/ Charismatic movement.

Previous works published by Mack C. Mason and Faithday Press "Heaven's Railway", Saints in the Land of Lincoln," "Go Tell My Brethren," and Holding On From the Inside Out," have been well received during their release at the Holy Convocation in Memphis. Other release points have been the 2005 Midwest Literary Festival, and at book signings of the Book Cellar, Grande Prairie Library, and other venues. Mason has also been interviewed on such TV programs as Gospel City Vidoes, and Broadcast Minister's Alliance Presents, and on radio: Interactions WBGX with Dr. C. Frances Parks, Gospel Memories WLUW with Bob Marovich, and on WWHN with Karen Fletcher.

In anticipation of "Make Room for the Holy Ghost," Pastor Mason was the Keynote Speaker recently at the C.H. Mason Historical Society's Founder's Month Symposium, and has already been invited to these events: McCormick Theological Seminary's Chicago Centennial of Pentecostalism, COGIC Scholar Fellowship, and the Park Forest library's Author Series.

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THE WHOLE TRUTH

The Legacy and life our sainted and beloved Mother Elizabeth Nash



Mother Elizabeth Nash was born April 15, 1923 to Dr. Samuel Brown and Mrs. Maggie Brown in Shreveport, Louisiana who preceded her in death. She was the oldest of three daughters. Vera McDonald and Betty Mangang who also preceded her in death. In 1924, the family moved to Forth Worth, Texas. Mother Nash attended Riverside Elementary School and James E. Gwen High School. Mother Nash participated in many activities and was a fan of baseball, leading her to become the baseball cheerleader.

In 1936 Mother Elizabeth Nash united in marriage to Brother Joseph Nash who preceded her in death in 1999. This union was blessed with four dedicated children: Versie Louise, Josephine Faye, Dell Marie, and Samuel Wilson (who preceded her in death).

The journey began in 1942, when Mother Nash accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. Mother Nash spent much time at her home church that was the Baptist persuasion and was involved in as many activities as she possibly could attend. However, her concern was not her affiliation with her Baptist church, but about the "Holiness" church.

In 1950, Mother Nash joined Peniel Church of God in Christ where she served as Bible Band Teacher. The road then took another turn in 1952, when Mother Nash received her license as Missionary under the late Mother L.O. Hale. She started her work as a District Missionary with the late Superintendent Mason Driver, under the leadership of the late Bishop L.M. F Driver and State Supervisor, Reatha Herndon. Mother Nash became the State Supervisor under Bishop L.M. Driver. After Bishop Driver went on to be with the Lord, Mother Nash continued to serve as State Supervisor under Bishop Robert M. Clark and later served under Bishop B.R. Benbow. In 1984, Bishop George Dallas McKinney selected Mother Nash as State Supervisor for the newly formed Southern California 2nd Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction where she served faithfully for 22 years. In 1994 Bishop McKinney and Mother Nash hosted the International Women's Convention in San Diego, CA. Mother

Nash was also blessed to have served under the leadership of International General Supervisor Mother Lillian Coffey, Mother AnnieBailey, Mother Mattie McGlothen, Mother Emma Crouch and Mother Willie Mae Rivers. The week subsequent to the convention, General Supervisor Dr. Mattie McGlothen was called home to be with the Lord. In 1994 Mother Emma Crouch was then appointed the International General Supervisor. At that time Mother Nash was appointed as the 3rd Assistant to Mother Crouch. In 1996 Mother Nash was elevated as the 2nd Assistant where she served under Mother Crouch until her demise in 1997. At that time Mother Willie Mae Rivers was appointed International General Supervisor where she appointed Mother Elizabeth Nash as the Assistant General Supervisor. Mother Nash served as a member of the Board of Directors, Executive Board, Advisory Board, and Chairperson of the Examining Board of the International Women's Department. Mother Nash was a dynamic woman of God. She was anointed by God to expound the word with clarity. Although Mother Elizabeth Nash has received numerous awards, commendations, keys to the city, above all the accomplishments and achievements in her life, Mother Nash's greatest source of joy was being able to share the Gospèl with others and lead souls to Christ.

Mother Elizabeth Nash leaves to mourn four daughters: Patsy, Versie, Josephine, Dell, sister in Christ Mother Willie Mae Enge, one special daughter Alice Hurt, seventeen grandchildren: Melvin, June, Sherman, Daryl, Tim, Andrew, Aaron, Pamela, Joseph Tyrone, Von, Solly Jr., Trazette, John Jr., Joseph Devon, Samantha, Tiffany and Raymond. Four nieces: Alanna, Brenda, Linda and Charissee. One nephew, Curtis, Thirty four great grandchildren, nine great-great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

The journey was long and sometimes tiring and yet she did not feel no ways tired. Mother Nash best summarized her life with a saying of Queen Esther as outlined in the scripture, Esther 4:16 "If I perish, I perish." WHAT A JOURNEY!



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First Church Of God In Christ of Jeanerette, Louisiana Breaks all Records in the 2006 - Food Net Drive



When United Way approached Mayor Arthur Verrett of Jeanerette, Louisiana in 2000 about setting up a food pantry for the city of Jeanerette, he referred them to Pastor James W. Proctor and the First Church of God in Christ Family because of their community oriented ministries of helps. It started as a very meager effort to assist families in Jeanerette with food needs, but it escalated to Coats for Kids, school uniforms, and assistance with other temporal needs of families. This ministry was placed under the supervision of the First Church of God in Christ Mission Department.

Desiring to extend their Annual Food Net Program to the Jeanerette Community in 2001, KLFY Television Station, Channel 10 sought a drop off point in the community. Once again Mayor Verrett referred them to the First Church of God in Christ. The Mission Department organized for the food drive and in the first year got tremendous support from the schools, businesses, organizations, churches and committed volunteers from the community. The first effort was a tremendous success, and at the end of the drive the church was told to retain the food dropped off for their Food Pantry Ministry.

When Hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated Louisiana in August and September of 2005, First Church found herself on the cutting edge of ministry assisting the evacuees from Orleans, Cameron, and Calcasieu Parishes, as well as persons from the Golden Triangle of Texas – Orange, Beaumont, and Port Arthur. Because of the well-organized ministry at First Church, FEMA brought truckloads of supplies – baby needs, food, water, and other supplies – to be distributed to the evacuees, and the Pantry was able to minister to many families during their time of need. Now the First Anniversary of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita has come and gone. While no one would tell you that it has been an easy year for Pastor James W. Proctor and the First Church of God in Christ family of Jeanerette, Louisiana hope fills the church. Along with the challenges, the year has also been filled

with blessings and new beginnings for the Katrina Victims who are members of his church.

God has used people from near and far to give freely, serve faithfully, and pray fervently while the new members of the congregation rebuild their lives. The First Church of God in Christ Mission Department has partnered with KLFY Television Station, Channel 10 during the past month to launch an annual food drive, which feeds the needy throughout the 2007-year. The community of Jeanerette has overwhelmingly shared

through food donations from schools, businesses, organizations, churches and committed volunteers.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita victims have benefited tremendously from the food and clothing projects. During the month of December more than 6000 pounds of imperishable food were donated to First Church Pantry to be used to feed the needy. This is the greatest amount that has ever been dropped off since First Church started participating with the Television 10 Food Net Project in 2001. The total drop off this year almost doubled the 2005 total.



Dr. James W. Proctor Pastor

Pastor James W. Proctor and the First Church have teamed up with the Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans, Acadiana Catholic Charities, and United Way to provide coats for kids, school uniforms for needy students, and free gift cards for the less fortunate.

Chairperson Gloria Harding expressed her gratitude to Pastor Proctor, First Church family and the Jeanerette Community for being the channels God has created to minister to others in need. The Hurricane Katrina and Rita evacuees have been given much during this time of restoration and renewal, and the First Church of God in Christ Family has been blessed by God because of their giving spirit. Θ



Superintendent Joseph Edward Myler, Jr.

Rites April 24, 2006

Submitted by Evangelist St Elma Crawford

The saints gathered and remembered a fine man, husband, pastor and friend: Joseph Edward Myler. "Son of the Church" and "Mr. Church Of God In Christ" are titles that could have been ascribed to him because of his vast knowledge of the Church he loved so well. Pastor Myler served as administrative assistant to Bishop J.C. Jenkins, of California Northeast Jurisdiction, superintendent of Bethel District, pastor, elder, minister, teacher, servant were all titles earned by him during his long and dedicated service. He served on the local, district and jurisdictional levels with integrity. He was known as a Saint because of his separation from the world and consecration to the worship and service of God.

In addition, Pastor Myler served the National Church as under secretary in the office of General Secretary under the late Bishop G.R. Ross. In the registration arena, he served as banker and kept very accurate records, which were verified, posted and deposited. Upon the demise of Bishop Ross, his service was continued under the newly elected General secretary, Bishop W.W. Hamilton.

If words could describe Elder Myler, a few would relate first his natural qualities: Appointed, bold, compassionate, diligent, efficient, flexible, genuine, humble, industrious, joyful, knowledgeable, loyal, nurturing, obedient, prepared, qualified, responsible, sincere, trustworthy, unique, valuable, willing; and then spiritual: Anointed, baptized. Cleansed, different, endowed, fruitful, gifted, holy, illuminated, justified, kind, liberated, minister of the gospel, a new creation, persistent, quickened, redeemed, spiritfilled, thankful, useful, victorious, worthy, yielded, and zealous!

Joseph Edward was born in New York City, New York, on July 29, 1940, the first born of five children, to proud parents, Joseph E., Sr and Nannie Myler. He was born into the Kingdom of God on August 2, 1961, in the city of Oakland, California, under the pastorate of the late Supt. V.F. Devers. He received his elementary and secondary education in the school system of Norfolk, VA., where he grew up. He served his country in the U.S. Navy and received an honorable discharge.

Love came into his life in the person of Miss. Dian Marie Lacey, and on February 24, 1962, they were united in holy matrimony.

This union was blessed with daughters: Darlisa Ann, Nina Annette, and Debra Marie. The roles of husband and father were taken seriously and fulfilled magnificently. A stern disciplinarian, he showed love and compassion, tempered high standards with an open heart, a ready ear, compassionate advice and religious instruction. He stood steadfast in his convictions. He told his daughter: "All you have is your name, don't mess it up!" Elder Joseph Myler worked as a longshoreman for over thirty years and retired in 1996. His consistent and unique demeanor was easily recognized and his peers called him "preacher." He was every industrious and made other funds as a bus driver, janitor and funeral director.

It's a good day in the life of the church when a young man steps out and yields himself to the work of the ministry, at that very moment, he becomes a citizen of both heaven and earth. And so it was in the year of 1965, that Brother Joesph was called into the ministry of Jesus Christ; and, on the fourth Sunday in September, he preached his first sermon entitled, "Thanks be unto God for His Unspeakable Gift." After two years as a minister, he was licensed; in June of 1971, received his ordination as an Elder in the Church Of God In Christ. He received his ministerial training through the programs of the Assemblies of God, Bethel Bible College of Santa Cruz, California; Moody Bible College of Chicago, Illinois and under the very capable tutelage of Superintendents V.F. Devers, Eugene Whittington, Bishops G.R. Ross and LaFar B. Johnson.

After sixteen years at Mingleton Temple COGIC, Oakland, he was appointed as Assistant Pastor of Whittington Temple COGIC. Then, on August 12, 1979, being led by the Spirit of God, Elder Myler opened the Love Temple Church Of God In Christ, and served as pastor until his demise.

Superintendent Joseph E. Myler will be greatly missed by all of us who knew him. We will miss his godly example, his fatherly advice, his earnest prayers, his servant attitude—services rendered with wisdom and grace—as only experienced servants have learned, and his cheerful financial support to the work of the Lord. Ω



News from around the Church

God Heals Pastor During 2006 Convocation

Las Vegas- During a routine physical Pastor Lawrence H. Murray of the Living Word Ministry COGIC had GI work done when the doctor discovered a small abnormal lesion. After undergoing a a biopsy the results were not good. He was diagnosed with a carcinoid tumor, a rare cancer that affects men and women. He began to undergo tests to discover the severity of the tumor and if it had spread. Pastor Murray and his wife did not tell their children and decided to go ahead with plans to attend the Holy Convocation. On the night they arrived in Memphis, the nurse called to inform them although the cancer had not spread, they were referring him to a specialist at Los Angeles Cedar Sinai Hospital to see if he could remove cancer.

On Wednesday night at the conclusion of Bishop Macklin's sermon, he requested all pastors to come to the altar to pray for church growth. As he was praying, Bishop Macklin beckoned for Pastor Murray to come and his prayer changed. Bishop Macklin said, "I feel God doing a healing... healing is taking place," causing Pastor Murray to fall under the power of the Holy Ghost. Upon their return home they made the appointment and took ten people to the hospital on December 8 th. First Lady Murray said, "Dr. Lowe examined him and found nothing. He examined him again three times and he couldn't find anything. He said, 'I know something was there because we have the pathology report.' He did an ultrasound and still found nothing. God is still a healer!" You may contact Pastor Lawrence H. Murray at Living Word Ministry COGIC, Las Vegas, NV, 702 647-3858

Missionary Vernon Oliver Price Sends Greetings to the Saints Chicago- When Missionary Price conducted a workshop for Ludella Evans Reid (sister of Rev. Evan Evans) this past October, she brought a history of musical to the venue. As a young girl she was asked by Bishop L.H. Ford to be a singer at the St. Paul COGIC and has been a member since 1943. "I have been going to Memphis since I was born and have been singing in the convocation for years." She also serves with Evangelist Frances Kelley and sings during Morning Manna. In the Illinois First Jurisdiction she serves as Adjutant Mother under Bishop Ocie Booker and is the State Soloist. She wants the saints to know, "I love the Church Of God In Christ and haven't been in and out. I love the doctrine and taught my children the same. The way they taught me back then is still the right way."

Hunstville, AL Newspaper Shares Pastors Story of Hope

Huntsville - In a newspaper article entitled, Former Drug Dealers Preach Hope For All, Kay Campbell of the Huntsville Times shares a story of transformation and the power of prayer.

Dave Draper and Jesse Draper, brothers now in their mid-50's and both pastors, have always been close friends, whether doing chores and playing as youngsters, or doing drugs and selling when they were teenagers and young men. Both men now serve as pastor, Elder Dave Draper at the church their father founded with 18 members in 1998, that's now grown to more than 200, Right Way Church Of God In Christ. Both men use the accounts of their drug-filled pasts to reassure their congregations of the transforming power of God. "I don't care where you come from, God is still able to use you," Jesse said. "Our mission in life is to bring hope to people," Dave said.

Despite loving, hard-working parents, a loving older sister,

and an active life in the church, by their early teens, both boys had drifted into the would of alcohol and drugs. Jesse joined the Army, hoping to get sent to Vietnam, where, he had heard, he would be able to buy a duffel bag of marijuana for \$10.00. He had dreams of sending those bags home to be sold and having a car waiting for him when he got back. "It was a business plan," Jesse said, scoffing the delusions of his youth. Dave lost his first marriage and family over his drug use, but managed to hjand on to his job and found himself wondering about what God was telling him one day as he helped a firm crew tape testimonies at a drug rehabilitation home.

They both had spent more than 10 years with their lives defined by drugs, trying to hide what they were doing from their parents. Then, December 9, 1979, Jesse finally gave in to the repeated invitation from his mother to come to the small church in New Market where their father served as pastor. "It was so spiritual that day," Jesse declared. And I felt such an urge from the Spirit that if it didn't happen that day, it wouldn't happened." Jesse found himself on his feet, going forward. The church just went wild! Jesse said, "You should have seen my mother." Their mother, they both know, had prayed unrelentingly for her two boys, She had friends around the country praying for them.

A few year later, after watching the transformation of his brother in his brother's life with some amazement, Dave relented and attended church at his sister's invitation. He tried to leave once, but happened to meet his brother in the bathroom, and returned to the sanctuary with him. Their father was preaching. Dave felt the Spirit whispering to him so audibly, the first time he turned around to see who was talking. "Dave, what will it take for me to get hour attention"? The voice asked him.

Dave found himself at the altar in from of his father, tears streaming down his face. "My father asked me a question no other human being had ever asked me before, 'Do you want to come out of your sins?" Dave's "yes" seemed to shatter some cage he had been in. "Immediately, I felt a great sense of peace and relief, Dave said.

Both brothers mark their moment of conversion as their

moment of knowing they were free from the cravings of drugs. Neither used once after they were saved. "I didn't do a five-step, six-step, or 12 step program," said Jesse. "I just took one step toward Christ, and that was it." What they've learned from their years in drugs is the power of prayer, the power of a mother and father and sister who never gave up inviting them back, the power of their early training at home. "You go back in the Bible," Jesse said. "God takes some messed up situations and he gives us restoration." "As long as there's breath in your body, there's still hope for your soul."

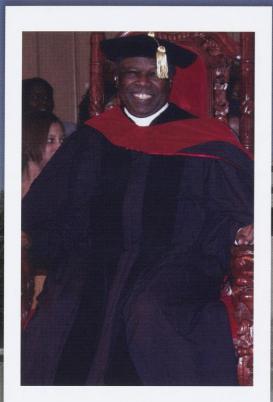
New Releases

Bishop L.H. Ford called Bishop A.T. Moore "a Church Of God In Christ Legend." In the Making of Legend, Bishop Moore, who is the last active bishop appointed by Church founder, Bishop C.H. Mason relate our history. Bishop Moore shares humor, sadness and a love of God. He traces his first glimpse of the sanctified church to a time when horse buggies were the means of transportation. The stories shared by his grandmother of her days as a slave sold three times causes one to flinch. But it is his encounter with God and the fact that early members focused on the greatness of God which causes one to pause. His subsequent foresight in capturing the history of the erly COGIC trough reel to reel, video and cassettes that makes his story come alive. Bishop G.E. Patterson writes the Foreword with Mother willie Mae Rivers penning a Celebration of the Legacy. An added bonus to the package are 2 CD's: a 1950 message by Bishop Mason along with a stirring message by Bishop Moore. Biographer Glenda Williams Goodson in collaboration with Romeanetha Stallworth have a wonderful job in capturing the essence of this 95 year-old Kentucky pioneer. For information call 502-239-3896 or 972-227-9451 or visit www.glendagoodson.com o

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Bishop J. Neaul Haynes Receives Honorary Doctorate



by Glenda Williams Goodson

Bishop J. Neaul Haynes, an educator and leader is a recipient of numerous earned and honorary degrees. Yet another institution of higher learning has elected to honor his work by the conferring of an honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree. He is the Second Assistant Presiding Bishop of the Church Of God In Christ, Jurisdictional Prelate of the legendary Texas Northeast First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and an outstanding churchman.

Bishop Haynes loves the Church Of God In Christ and throughout his history as a leader of men he has received many accolades from civic, governmental and religious institutions. His love for the Lord basically causes him to do whatever he can to build the kingdom of God by serving humanity. He has a history of service: providing funds for school construction in India logging miles across the country to shore up governance of jurisdictions and churches due to the loss of leaders on innumerable occasions, attending White House meetings, bearing the spiritual and emotional load of helping the church chart a steady course to name a few. He has emerged as an individual whom young men emulate while seasoned men take note of his wisdom. He is fondly noted for the moral idea to support the saints by creating an environment allowing other men the servant leadership opportunities to lead jurisdictions. Breaking tradition by voluntarily campaigning to divide his 500 church jurisdiction paid off in the establishment of three distinct and successful entities (Texas Northeast First, Second and Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdictions)

It is because of good will strategies like these that saints and well wishers gathered on September 17, 2006, at his local church, Saintsville Church Of God In Christ, to witness Dr. Zamakio Jackson, President of St. Thomas Christian College present the degree. But first, Bishop R.L. Asberry presided over a spirited service after challenging the congregation to allow the Spirit to refresh their souls even in a stately setting.

In preliminary remarks, Dr. Jackson, pastor of the Kingdom Church of Jacksonville, Florida and Executive Director of the 148 member association of Bible Churches in the United States explained that Bishop Haynes' lifetime of community service and distinguished church leadership demanded the distinctive tribute. In a powerful and dynamic message he roused the congregation in a sermon entitled, The Arithmetic of Faith (James 1:1) and proved, in the words of the late Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr., that an individual can experience both learning and burning.

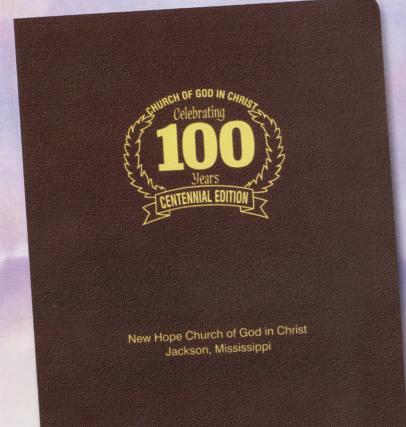
After the colorful hooding ceremony, Bishop Haynes made it clear that all of his life he has worked to please God and do His will. "I've always wanted to serve," he said to the audience.

Invited guests enjoyed a well-appointed reception at the Christ for the Nations Institute following the recessional. •

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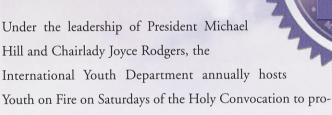


INTERNATIONAL HOLY CONVOCATION



99th Annual Church of God in Christ International Holy Convocation Highlights from Youth on Fire 2006

By: Christa D. Platt



vide a space for young people to engage in uninhibited worship. This program invests in all young people; however it specifically attracts those who may no longer share commonalities with the Sunshine Band and Purity Departments. Matthew Spencer, a newly elected member of the International Youth Advisory Council, said, "I received my tenure respectively in the Sunshine Band and Purity Department. I needed something with my peers." Spencer noted that the program not only allows the young to go forth, but also exposes capable leaders in line and in place to carry the vision of the Church of God in Christ.

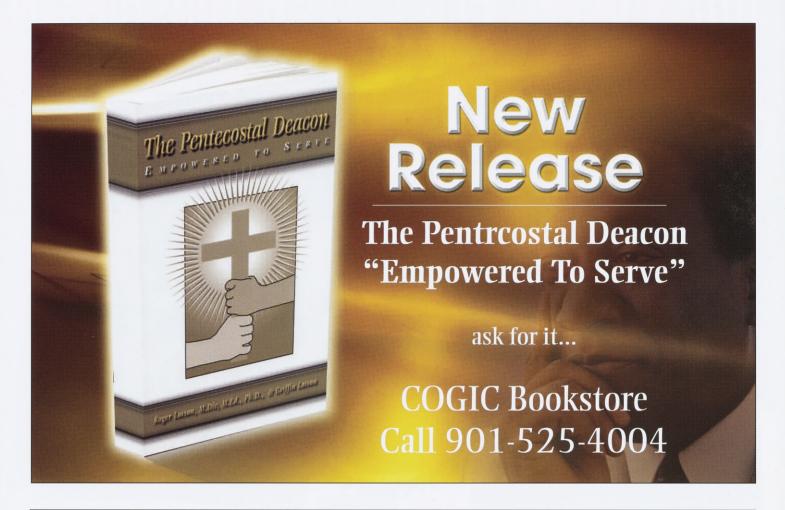
Nebraska Jurisdiction's, Kristina Johnson believes Youth on Fire is a major highlight of the Convocation and remains a great tool for ministry. Although this service is geared towards young people, the altar call is so powerful that those who are in expectation receive. "I have received breakthroughs, impartations, and deliverance over the course of attending for the past 7 years." Johnson further shared that there is an unspoken bond between the young

people at his service. "Being around your peers in such a powerful service gives you great encouragement and strengthens as you

prepare to return to your local ministries."

This year's program displayed talents and ministries from various jurisdictions across America. Sisters Gabrielle and Valerie Dunn, also known as Chosen One, presented an original song entitle "One Word." Central Georgia's own proclaimed all one needs is just one word from the Lord to survive any circumstance. In addition, Jack Clark-Chisholm's daughter, Augel Chisholm, rendered an operatic version of "Give Me Jesus," revealing only a fragment of the diversity within the Church of God in Christ.

The leadership of Youth on Fire also sees value in allowing the youth to minister through the spoken Word. Native Tennessean D' Angelo Franklin, one of three speakers this year, approached the pulpit stating he felt like Jeremiah with the word shut up in his bones. "I just began to let the Lord have His way," he said. Franklin's message was a derivative of his personal testimony of how God delivered him twice from the cancerous Hodgkin's disease. His message decreed that after his extended trial of cancer (continue on page 42)





Milwaukee, Wisconsin- Bishop Darrell Hines is inviting men of all ages to attend the coming May conference. The jurisdictions in Wisconsin will share in hosting the event that yearly places men, particularly lay men front and center. The issues of spirituality, health, politics and recreation are vital parts of the conference. Did you know that one in six men will get prostate cancer? Did you know that cancer caught early is curable and 93% will survive? At the men's conference facts like this are germane to the well being of men.

The conference has dynamic speakers and activities that make the gathering an exciting and positive event of the calendar. Bishop G.E Patterson appointed Bishop Darrell Hines to provide leadership that would bring information and Christ to men of the Church Of God In Christ. It seems that each of the conventions is getting larger and larger. \odot





The question is fundamental, Should a parent have a right to opt a child out of a curriculum they disagree with? Sister Gena Bounds told the Minnesota school district her daughter is enrolled in, to move her daughter from a class that was teaching a Gay Rights agenda. Under the cover of "embracing diversity," the school allowed Mr. Peter Sage to read "Asha's Mums." Then the teacher introduced his gay lover and announced they were going to have a baby.

A little seven year old Church Of God In Christ child, Darriell Bounds protested that no one has two dads or two moms. The child spoke plainly, "I have a mommy and a daddy." This did not go over well with the teacher, and the little girl would not give in. She informed her mother about the event and the protest officially started. Mrs. Gena Bounds and a few other independent and righteous persons objected to the teaching philosophy on the principle of Parents' Rights. Mrs. Bounds has written letters, spoken with school authorities, organized a media protest and everything possible to protect her child.

The teacher has come out very heavy on the child, moving her desk from his classroom and sending her and another child to a "time out discipline." He attempted to pressure them by saying they were disrespectful because

Darriell Bounds

they didn't accept his homosexuality. Mrs. Bounds contends her child is too young to understand his sexuality. Mrs. Bounds has requested a transfer, but the school's administrative authorities are committed to the liberal agenda of political correctness and gay advancement.

The Church Of God In Christ is not a hater of the homosexual. Neither is the Church ready to affirm homosexuality as normal. Sister Bounds is correct about keeping the teacher, his life style, and his campaign away from her seven year old daughter. "Families All Matter," though an award winning curriculum, is hardily appropriate for second grade students. Still, the West Metro Education Program of Minnesota expressed their support for the curriculum that has an obvious political bias.

The Church Of God In Christ is always for respect, against discrimination in employ-

ment, educational opportunity, or public accommodations. The Church is equally against sin and the sinful behavior that people have made politically correct. If little Darriell Bounds knows the natural order of things and respects God's design for social and familial order, then each of us should commend and extol her witness. Θ





Bishop C.D. Owens preached

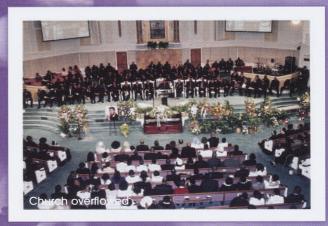
Atlanta, GA., Evangelist-Pastor Nathan L. Simmons was a profoundly spiritual individual. He was a pastor, husband, father and mentor to many. He was beloved by people for his prophetic utterances and awed by those sat under his ministry. His ministry was cut short by death but his impact upon the Church Of God In Christ and the world over will be felt. On December 1, 2006, The Church conducted the funeral a son, one born not of royal heritage, but yet one in true Sonship with God. Pastor Simmons secured the station of modern day prophet by his prayer life and devotion to

God. He spoke to people with authority and without excuse. He lived the imperative voice by which he spoke the realities of God.

He started Citadel of Hope Evangelistic Church Of God In Christ and built it from a fledgling congregation to a large and very significant ministry. The Scripture says one's gift would make room for an individual. So outstanding was his ministry that Presiding Bishop Chandler Owens was impressed with the depth and reach of the diminutive prophets's voice. Pastor Simmons burst

upon the scene in Memphis, Tennessee at the International Holy Convocation through the invitation of former Presiding Bishop Chandler D. Owens. Immediately, what Bishop Owens recognized in Atlanta the Church Of God In Christ would carry to the four corners of the world. Pastor Simmons had a great impact on the convention and the thousands in attendance were all asking who

Nathan L. Simmons Rites



By David Hall

was that young powerful spiritual man. His ministry and his ability for raising some of the largest offering at the convocations made him valuable in another way. People have proclaimed, " there is none like him."

His death leaves a great void on the Atlanta religious scene. The Citadel was becoming a flag ship for being spiritually liberating and embracing the down and out. He was married to Angelic a very lovely woman, and together they had two lovely daughters, Victoria and Alexis. The Citadel of Hope has lost a pastor and immense spiritual figure that brought hope and life on the Atlanta urban front. His wife and daughters have lost more!

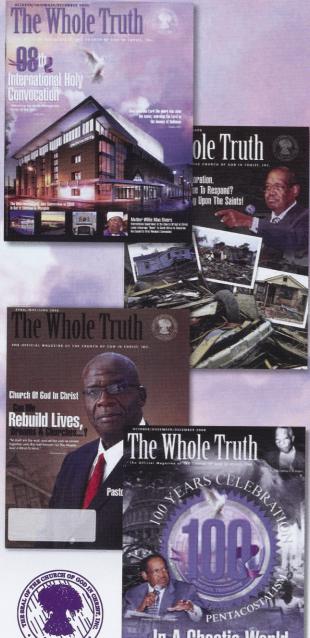


The funeral was conducted at the Elizabeth Baptist Church. There were 5,000 mourners who filled and overflowed the building. The who's who of ministry attended and spoke highly of the gospel preacher and man. He had the funeral of a major figure on the ecclesiastical horizon. Bishop Chandler D. Owens provided the eulogy and the saints rejoiced over the soldier called home. Bishops Paul Morton, Richard White and other noted clergy and elect

women in ministry were in attendance.

A beautiful horse drawn carriage took the late dynamic evangelist to his resting place. Obviously, we may not have another like him soon. May God bless those who remain and may his legacy be lifted up! Θ

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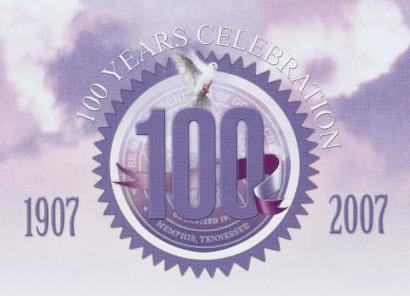
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he intended to live victoriously. "After battling caner twice, I had no choice but to live and declare the works of the Lord," Franklin said. "With the recent affliction of our Presiding Bishop, I knew the word was in season. After all the things God allowed the devil to do to Job, after that he lived. I knew that word was not only for me but for someone else."

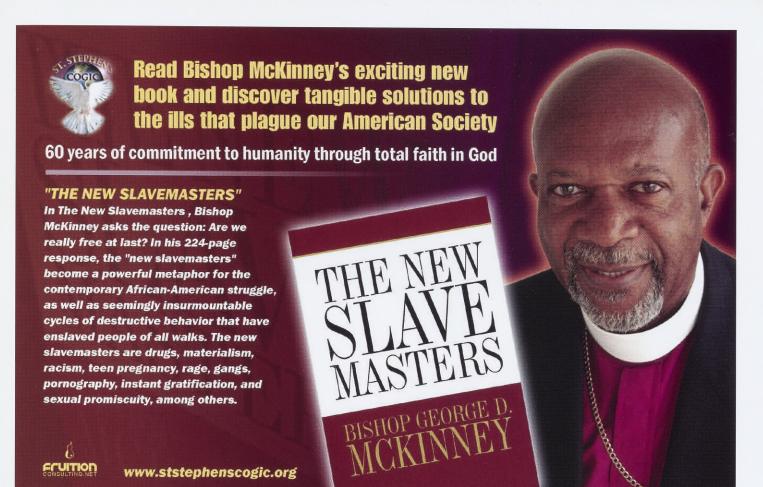
Repeat attendee and Texas Northeast's Kelly Henson said that Youth on Fire 2006 was the best by far. Prior to arriving to the Convocation, Henson was troubled because she had not clearly spoken in tongues since she had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. "This was the first time I heard myself speak clearly. I felt like we were living in Acts chapter 2. We were all on one accord." Henson believes Youth on Fire is a place where youth can be expressive and not feel ashamed. "Everybody is engaged in worship, which catapults you into worship." She also noted that opportunities are endless during this service, "If ever one needs something from the Lord it can be found in an atmosphere such as Youth on Fire's."

There were plenty of recurring themes during Youth on Fire 2006. One in particular was encouragement from Chairlady Rodgers for the "church" to take its rightful place as it relates to praying for its leaders. She deemed the young people present as the praying church. After expounding on Acts 12 and encouraging the youth to pray, she then exclaimed that "help" would

arrive in the sanctuary, which was the precursor to the next theme. This theme revolved around miracles, signs and wonders. As young people praised and worshipped god around the altar one man joined the altar walkers and thankfully displayed the cane he depended on less than an hour prior, above his head.

Kristal McGhee, Kansas Southwest native and first time attendee, saw the man walking on his cane before service began. "He did not receive individual prayer, God just healed him. That showed me that God is still working miracles." Kansas native, Amber Johnson, was also miraculously healed two years ago of cancer at a Youth on Fire service. "Right before I left for praying at the altar at Youth on Fire, Chairlady Rodgers declared that someone would be healed of cancer. I believed in my heart that someone was me, and when I returned home from my doctor's appointment, the cancer was gone." Johnson said her encounter with the Lord at Youth on Fire forever changed her life.

It is safe to say that Youth on Fire is a sufficient tool for ministry. More and more young people continue to flock to the Holy Convocation in pursuit of this life changing and spirit-filled service. Over the course of Youth on Fire's lifespan the common denominators remain miracles, deliverance, and restoration. With God's power, continued visionary leadership, and eager young people, the Church of God in Christ has the necessary ingredients to continue supporting the church of today. O



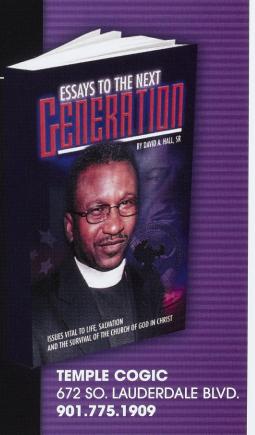
Essays to the Next Generation

By David A. Hall, Sr.

TEN ESSAYS TO THE PRESENT AND COMING GENERATIONS ON ISSUES VITAL TO LIFE, SALVATION AND THE SURVIVAL OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

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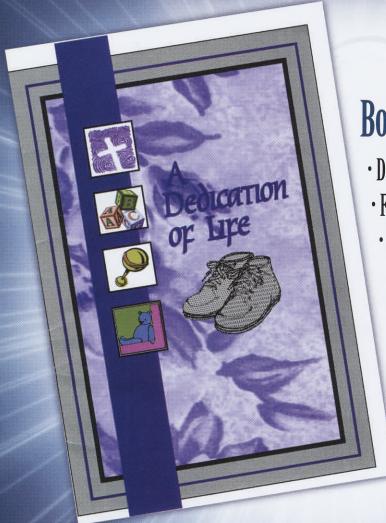
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